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Title: BASIC SALT OF THIOCTIC ACID WITH L-CARNITINE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9, with the following paragraph:

– According to a particularly preferred application, stage c) comprises the following operating phases:

- [a)] i) the solvent in which the L-carnitine was dissolved is removed partially by vacuum distillation;
- [b)] ii) the same solvent in which the thioctic acid was dissolved is added, preferably in a quantity necessary to substitute the solvent removed in stage i);
- [c)] iii) the mixture is cooled to a temperature between 0 and 30°C and left under stirring until complete precipitation; and
- [d)] iv) the precipitate obtained is separated.--